

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated Floodplain or Wetland

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals,

This is to give notice that St. Clair County Intergovernmental Grants Department under 24 CFR Part 58 has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690 and/or Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded under Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HUD grant number B-25-UC-17-0005. See proposed project locations below:

Community	Project / Location	Flood Zone / FEMA Map #
City of East Saint Louis Saint Clair County	The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using the freeboard value approach. This project will include replacing existing oil and chip/asphalt roadways, widening the street to a minimum 24', adding sidewalk and curb and gutter where necessary, and adding storm water inlets where necessary. With the addition of new sidewalks, curb and gutter, this project will include ground disturbing activities. The portion of the project in the floodplain includes approximately 1290 lineal feet of roadway. The project area located in the FFRMS includes 27 th Street from Missouri Ave. to Illinois Ave.	FFRMS Floodplain Zone AH FIRM 17163C0160D Prelim17163C0023E/021E Approx. 200 Acre Floodplain

St. Clair County Intergovernmental Grants Department has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial functions and intrinsic values of the existing floodplain/wetland. These projects must take place in a floodplain because the projects are site specific to those locations. No alternatives have been considered other than not completing the projects. Mitigation measures will include improved drainage to reduce standing water (where applicable). No other mitigation measures are known at this time. These projects will conform to compliance with state and local floodplain/wetland protection procedures where applicable.

St. Clair County Intergovernmental Grants Department has reevaluated alternatives to building in the floodplain/wetland and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988, are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains/wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains/wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains/wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

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Written comments must be received by the St. Clair County Intergovernmental Grants Department at the following address on or before September 27, 2025: The St. Clair County Intergovernmental Grants Department, 19 Public Square, Suite 200, Belleville, IL 62220 and (618)277-6790, Attention: Rick Stubblefield, Executive Director. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the address mentioned above. Comments may also be submitted via email at Richard.Stubblefield@co.st-clair.il.us.

Date: **09/16/2025**